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**III. Remarks****A. Claim Rejection Under §103(a)**

Claims 10-17, 27-34 and 38-55 are pending in the present application.

The Action rejects all pending claims as being obvious from U.S. Patent No. 6,099,409 in view of newly cited U.S. Patent No. 6,652,378 to Cannon et al. It is respectfully submitted that, for the reasons set forth below, the Examiner has not set forth a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

As set forth in Applicants' previous response, independent Claims 10 and 27 are directed to the embodiment of a reconfigurable graphical user interface having a plurality of selectable graphical identifiers each associated with respective entrants for controlling the display of the table. As best shown in, for example, FIGS. 4 and 4A, a table showing the exotic wager information can be reconfigured to show payout information for a different race entrant by selecting a selectable graphical identifier associated with the respective race entrant. For example, FIG. 4 shows a table displayed by default or by selecting the graphical identifier button labeled "1". The table of FIG. 4 shows payout information for exotic wagers including Entrant 1 for Race 1 at Golden Gate and other entrants from Race 1 (Quiniela or Exacta wager) or a second race (e.g., Race 2) (Daily Double wager). Fig. 4A shows a table displayed when the user selects the graphical identifier button labeled "2" and shows payout information for exotic wagers including Entrant 2 for Race 1 at Golden Gate. This display and re-display method greatly simplify the presentation of exotic wager data to the user.

Applicants believe that the Examiner concedes in the Action that Brenner does not teach the claimed display method. (Action, Page 3). Indeed, FIG. 19 of Brenner shows probable payout information for an exotic wager, specifically for an "exacta" wager, but the system of Brenner develops nine separate screens (for the nine separate entrants) that the user can access only by scrolling backwards and forwards through the screens using up/down arrow keys. See FIG. 19 ("Use Up/Down Keys For Next Horse"); Column 14, Lines 6-21. Therefore, if the screen 272 currently displays an exacta wager probable payout information for Entrant 1 and the

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user is interested in probable payouts involving Entrant 9, the user must scroll through screens 272 for Entrants 2 through 8 to get to the screen for Entrant 9.

In contrast, in Applicant's claimed method and system, a plurality of selectable graphical identifiers is provided on the graphical interface screen. The user can request display of a reconfigured table for any second entrant simply by selecting the appropriate graphical identifier (as shown in FIG. 4A, for example). No scrolling through screens containing information that is not of interest is required.

The Examiner cites generally to the Internet and picture-in-picture capabilities of Cannon in concluding that all of the pending claims are obvious in view of the combination of Brenner and Cannon. A specific rejection of Claims 10 and 27 is not provided.

Applicants have exhaustively reviewed the Cannon reference, and specifically Columns 9-14 cited by the Examiner. Cannon describes a gaming machine that can display several games to a user at the same time. In one embodiment, Cannon provides that the machine can include a web server to allow remote access to the game. (Column 10, Lines 5-14). Cannon also provides that betting odds for "Race Book" type wagers can be viewed for an event. (Column 14, Line 14-28). The sum total of the Cannon's disclosure with respect to the display of the racing data is as follows: "[a] player may be provided a menu displayed on a special event window 98; the menu allows the player to review available casino gaming events, view the betting odds associated with each event, and to select one or more gaming events in which to wager." (Column 14, Lines 23-28)

In summary, Cannon merely provides that racing betting odds can be provided to the user in a menu. Therefore, except for Cannon's disclosure that the racing data can be provided through the Internet, the combination of Cannon and Brenner provides no more with respect to methods of displaying exotic wager probably payout information than does Brenner alone. It is submitted, therefore, that the combination of Cannon and Brenner does not teach each feature of Claim 10 and 27, e.g., "wherein said graphical user interface screen includes a plurality of

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selectable graphical identifier each associated with respective entrants in said first race, whereby said request is received from said user."

Therefore, it is submitted that Claims 10 and 27, and the claims which depend therefrom, are allowable over the art of record.

Independent Claims 44 and 50 are directed to the embodiment where the table includes probably payout information for at least two types of exotic wagers (e.g., daily double and exacta, exacta and quiniela or daily double and quiniela). The combination of Brenner and Cannon clearly does not teach or suggest this feature. FIG. 19 of Brenner, and its accompanying description, shows probably payout information for a single type of exotic wager. There is no teaching or suggestion in Brenner or Cannon to display payout information for more than one exotic wager in a single table as claimed. Indeed, it is submitted that the methodology of Brenner, even in combination with Cannon, would require an additional set of nine screens (one for each entrant) to be generated and accessed by using the scroll feature. Applicants' claimed method and system are clearly distinguishable from such an approach.

For at least these reasons, it is submitted that Claims 44 and 50, and the claims that depend therefrom, are allowable.

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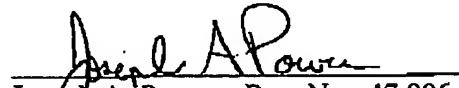
**IV. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance at an early date, which action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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